

IN THE INVENTORSHIP

Please delete "Robert E. Arbogast, James W. Capper, James M. Colvin and Jeffrey L. Doddroe" as inventors herein.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 24, line 3, delete "and/or" (both occurrences), same line, after "wearer" insert --,--; same line, after "sleeve" insert --, or both--; same line, after "stress" insert --,--; same line, after "abrasion" insert --or both--.

✓ Claim 25, line 3, delete "and/or" (both occurrences), same line, after "wearer" insert --,--; same line, after "sleeve" insert --, or both--; same line, after "stress" insert --,--; same line, after "abrasion" insert --or both--.

✓ Please cancel Claims 48-51, 54 and 55.

REMARKS

Attached hereto are proposed changes to the Drawings. Approval is requested.

The Abstract has been revised as required by the Official Action.

Claim 24 and Claim 25 have been corrected with regard to "and/or" and are now believed to be in proper form.

It is believed that Claims 46-51 are proper. Claims 46 and 47 refer back to claims which recite optional support bars. Dependent Claims 46 and 47 specify that the support bars are in fact present, and thus properly further limit the claims from which they depend.

Claims 48-51 use the phrase "further comprising" and, as such, are believed to be proper. Applicant is willing to discuss these claims and change them if the Examiner so requires. However, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are proper in their present form.